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MINUTES

—OF THE—

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

NEW RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE—

CHURCH AT WILSON'S GROVE,

PULASKI COUNTY, VIRIGINA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 9, 10 AND 11, 1932

ELDER H. V. COLE ..... Moderator

GUY B. PHILLIPS ..... Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

1st. After prayer by Elder F. W. Keene the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Randolph Perdue. John 6:37-38-39.

2nd. After the usual recess the messengers assembled in the house with prayer by Elder George Dyer.

3rd. Received and read letters from all the churches.

4th. Elected Elder H. V. Cole moderator and Guy B. Phillips clerk.

5th. Called for petitionary letters, and Laurel Creek church messengers presented a letter asking for membership in this association, and was unanimously received.

6th. Members of White Oak Grove church that have declared non-fellowship for the work of the 1931 session of the New River Association, and represented by Deacon H. B. Lester and Brother John R. Thompson, were received as White Oak Grove Church in order.

7th. Received correspondence and seated visitors from Sister Associations as follows:

Smith River—Elders S. L. Moran, F. T. Sowers, B. H. Martin, S. D. Koger; Brother B. O. Thompson; Deacons W. B. Gray, W. R. Turner, S. K. Nolen, J. V. Austin; Brother J. H. Austin, and others.

Mayo—Elders J. W. Wyatt and W. H. Freeman, seated as visitors.

Fisher's River—None reported.

Upper Country Line—Elders J. W. Gilliam and F. W. Keene, visitors.

Lower Country Line—None reported.

Contentnea—None reported.

Pig River—Elder Randolph Perdue, George Dyer and Brother T. H. Eanes, and Deacon G. R. Minter and others, visitors.

Salem—None reported.

Elkhorn—Elders H. V. Snow, W. S. England, and C. A. Marshall, visitors.

Transient—

Black Creek—Elder H. F. Hutchens, visitor.

White Oak—Elder W. W. Roberts and Brother W. W. Quinn, visitors.

Princeton Church, W. Va.—Elder S. J. Priddy, and Deacon R. L. Arrington, visitors.

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Bluefield Church, W. Va.—Deacons L. B. Hylton and G. S. Simpkins, visitors.

8th. Members of Little Vine and Charity churches were seated as visitors. Note:—The membership of these churches have divided and those brethren opposing the New River disorder in the 1931 session and have declared against said disorder in their churches, were seated as visitors as follows:

Little Vine—Elder John F. Sumner, Brethren Walter Surratt, John Surratt, Alex Bond, and Oscar Surratt.

Charity—Elder R. L. Spencer, and Brother John Rankin.

9th. The Moderator selected to preach this afternoon: Elders W. H. Freeman, S. J. Priddy, and W. W. Roberts.

10th. The question of dropping correspondence with Indian Creek, Mountain and Senter Associations was referred to the Committee on Arrangements; also the question of exposition of Doctrine and insertion for the Minutes.

11th. Moved that the Moderator appoint all necessary committees.

12th. The Moderator selected the following committees: Elders J. H. Cummings, G. P. Harris, L. A. Harris; Brothers P. L. Kevley, William J. Phillips with the Moderator and Clerk a Committee on Arrangements.

Brethren A. L. Light, W. A. Howery, E. W. Harris with messengers of this church, Committee on Preaching.

Brethren H. B. Lester and John R. Thompson, Committee on Finance.

13th. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, September 10.

SATURDAY

1st. Deliberations opened with prayer by Elder H. V. Snow.

2nd. Called the roll. Dropped the names of absentees except Elders.

3rd. The Committee on Arrangements reported and was discharged.

The committee recommended that we drop correspondence with

Indian Creek, Mountain and Senter Associations, which was agreed. The exposition of the Doctrine recommended by the committee was accepted and ordered to be printed in this Minute following the Articles of Faith.

4th. The Committee on Preaching reported for Saturday: Elders W. S. England, S. D. Koger, F. W. Keene; Brother B. O. Thompson; Elders H. V. Snow, S. L. Moran, and J. W. Gilliam. For Sunday: Elders H. F. Hutchens, Randolph Perdue, George Dyer, and J. W. Wyatt.

5th. Appointed correspondence to Sister Associations as follows:

Agreed to appoint correspondence to Pig River Association, and ask that correspondence be resumed with us. Correspondence as follows: Elders H. V. Cole, J. H. Cummings, G. P. and L. A. Harris.

Smith River—Elders J. H. Cummings, H. V. Cole, and G. P. and L. A. Harris.

Upper Country Line—Elders G. P. and L. A. Harris, and H. V. Cole.

Lower Country Line—Elders H. V. Cole and G. P. Harris.

Elkhorn—Elders G. P. Harris and J. H. Cummings.

6th. Called on the Finance Committee to report, which was as follows:

Received from Churches	$26.10
From Other Sources	7.03
	$33.13
For Printing Minutes and Postage	32.00
Balance	$ 1.13

7th. Agreed to have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed.

8th. It was agreed to hold the next association at River Hill Church, Floyd County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1933.

9th. (a) Resolved, that we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed during this assocition.

(b) That we extend thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends, who have shown kindness and hospitality in caring for our association and her friends. Also to Mr. Matt Dishon for the use of his field to park cars in.

10th. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELDER H. V. COLE, Moderator.
GUY B. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and living God, and that in the Godhead are three persons, the Father, the Word or Son, and the Holy Ghost, which three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures were given the inspiration of God, and we accept them as being the only complete and unerring rule of faith and practice.

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4. We believe that Adam, though created in the image of his maker, who pronounced him very good, did of his own volition wilfully trangress the law of God, and as a consequence became fallen and fatally depraved creature and all mankind with him.

5. We believe that redemption, regeneration, sanctification, justification and salvation are by virtue of the birth, life and death, resurrection and meditation of Jesus Christ and in no other way; and that all the graces of the spirit are referable to the church of God.

6. We believe that all the saints were predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, elected to eternal slavation according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, that they will all be called with a holy calling and the righteousness of Christ actually imputed to them by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit, so that none of the heirs of promise can be eternally lost.

7. We believe that all the elect of God were chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, and that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that emersion upon profession of faith in Christ in the name of the sacred trinity, by one duly authorized by the church to administer the ordinance of God in the church is gospel baptism and that only, and that all persons so baptized who shall continue to walk circumspectly, shall have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper and no other.

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both of the just and of the unjust, and that happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

11. We believe that the grace of God that bringeth salvation teaches us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world, and that it is therefore the duty of all church members to be jointly and severally engaged in every good work for the glory of God and the honor of the Christian religion.

EXPOSITION OF DOCTRINE

Exposition of the doctrine of predestination and obedience as believed by the New River Association is as follows:

On the doctrine of predestination we refer our correspondence to the London Confession of Faith of 1689. Chapter 3, section 1 under the heading of God's Decrees.

On the doctrine of obedience we believe that all obedience is based on love. God's love toward us, which causes our love toward Him, and with His mind in us, His will and pleasure becomes our will and pleasure. Acquiescence—Obedience.

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9. No. member of the association shall address another in other term or appellation, except the title of brother.

10. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the association may require it.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as other members provided the chair is filled, but he shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

12. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association, as it may think proper.

THE PREACHING

Friday

1. Introductory Sermon, preached by Elder Randolph Perdue, John 6:37-38-39.
2. Elder W. H. Freeman, no special text.
3. Elder S. J. Priddy, Eph. 2:4.
4. Elder W. W. Roberts, no special text.

Saturday

1. Elder W. S. England, no special text.
2. Elder S. D. Koger, Exodus 3:7-8.
3. Elder B. H. Martin, no special text.
4. Elder F. W. Keene, Isaiah 35:8-9-10.
5. Brother B. O. Thompson, no special text.
6. Elder H. V. Snow, 2nd Cor. 10:4.
7. Elder S. L. Moran, 1st Tim. 4:16.
8. Elder J. W. Gilliam, no special text.

Sunday

1. Prayer, by Elder C. A. Marshall.
2. Elder H. F. Hutchens, Acts 28:5.
3. Elder Randolph Perdue, John 10:15-16-17.
4. Elder George Dyer, no special text.
5. Elder J. W. Wyatt, Gen. 7:16.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
River Hill—A. L. Light, Sowers, Va.	15
Laurel Creek—Pleasant Cole, Basham, Va.	40
Indian Creek—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va.	140
Montgomery—D. M. Akers, Christiansburg, Va.	20
Valley View—W. M. Lester, Riner, Va.	25
Zion Hill—N. C. Harris, East Radford, Va.	10
White Oak Grove—John R. Thompson, Sowers, Va.	25
Wilson's Grove—R. O. Cox, Hiwassee, Va.	40

Sister Associations

Smith River—J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va.	30
Pig River—E. L. Blankenship, Boone Mill, Va.	40
Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Stuart, Va.	25
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Upper Country Line—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.	20
Salem—J. H. McKaughn, Kernersville, N. C.	20
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.	15
Elkhorn—C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va.	15

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Church Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd by Experience	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd on Relationship	Number in Fellowship	Contribution
River Hill	Deacons A. L. Lester, W. T. Light, Brother A. L. Light	3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2.00
Laurel Creek	Elders H. V. Cole, J. H. Cummings, Brother R. H. Bugs	4th	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	4.00
Indian Creek	Elders L. A. Harris, G. P. Harris, Brother Wm. J. Phillips	4th	2	0	1	2	0	16	2	16	218	10.00
Montgomery	Brothers Homer Duncan, P. L. Kenley and W. A. Howery	2nd	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	36	2.50
Valley View	Elder L. A. Cummings, Brothers W. M. Lester and W. B. Dodd	3rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	2.10
Zion Hill	Deacon E. W. Harris, Brothers N. C. Harris and A. B. Mitchell	2nd	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	16	1.50
White Oak Grove	Deacon H. B. Lester, Brother J. R. Thompson	1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.00
Wilson's Grove	Deacon J. A. Simpkins, Brothers R. O. Cox and Louis More	1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	44	2.00
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 155th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NEW RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH MONTGOMERY CHURCH, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.

September 9, 10, 11, 1949

Friday, September 9, 1949:

1. After singing and prayer by Elder S. T. Curlee, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. A. Harris, text 2 Peter 3:8.

2. After the usual recess, the messengers assembled in the house with prayer by Elder S. J. Priddy.

3. Letters from the several churches were received and read, and messengers seated as their names appear in the Statistical Table.

4. On motion and second, the old officers were re-elected.

5. Called for petitionary letters; none offered.

6. Received and seated correspondents from sister Associations as follows:

Smith River: Elders S. L. Moran, Odell Thompson, F. T. Sowers, Bros. G. B. Terry, T. W. Tilley, and others.

Pigg River: Elders J. O. Conner, J. R. Hollandsworth, Bros. H. F. Akers, J. K. Thomas, Maston Lester, and others.

Staunton River: Elders Emmett Stone, and R. S. Payne.

Elkhorn: Elders S. J. Priddy, C. A. Marshall, Otto Tilley, and Cal Tilley, Bro. L. B. Hylton, and others.

Abbott's Creek: Brother J. L. Snyder.

Mates Creek: No report.

Laurel Springs: No report.

Lower Mayo: No report.

Salem: No report.

Bear Creek: Elder S. T. Curlee, Bros. J. R. Almond and J. L. Lewis.

Upper Country Line: As visitors, Bros. T. I. Saunders and wife, C. S. Carroll and wife, Sisters Lonnie Page, and W. P. Phillips.

White Oak: Elder L. L. Yopp, Bro. H. A. Young.

Visitors: Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Bros. C. R. Hollandsworth and C. A. Hylton and wife.

7. On motion and second that the Moderator make all necessary apointments.

Committee on Preaching: Bros. J. S. Phillips, and E. W. Harris, witht the messengers from this church.

Committee on distribution of Minutes: Bros. Peter Vest and Cecil Phillips.

Committee on Arrangements: Elders J. F. Sumner, Roy S. Smith, and G. P. Harris, with Moderator and Clerk.

Finance Committee: Bros. J. S. Phillips, and Gold Thompson.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Saturday Morning:

Deliberations opened with song and prayer by Elder S. L. Moran.

2. Call the roll and dropped the names of absentees.

3. Called for correspondents to report. Those attending reported, and those who did not atttend were excused.

4. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Smith River: Elders L. A. Harris, Roy S. Smith, Brother J. S. Phillips.

Pigg River: Elders L. A. Harris, Roy S. Smith, and H. E. Phillips.

Upper Country Line: Elder G. P. Harris, Bro. J. S. Phillips.

Elkhorn: Elders G. P. Harris, J. F. Sumner, R. L. Stockner, Brother J. S. Phillips.

Staunton River: Elder L. A. Harris, Bros. H. E. Phillips. and Cecil Phillips.

Laurel Springs: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Elders L. A. Harris, Roy S. Smith, G. P. Harris and Brother J. S. Phillips.

Zion: Elders J. F. Sumner, R. L. Spencer, R. L. Stockner.

Mates Creek: Minutes.

White Oak: Elders J. F. Sumner, Roy S. Smith, G. P. Harris, Bros. J. S. Phillips and H. E. Phillips.

The Committee on Arrangements recommend that because of confusion existing in the bounds of Lower Mayo and Salem Associations, that no correspondents be appointed to attend these Associations at this session, and the Association accepted the work of the Committee.

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5. Called on Finance Committee to report which was as follows:

Received from churches	$106.75
Received from friends	114.00
Total	220.75
Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes	$40.00
Allowed Clerk	10.00

Remainder to be distributed among visiting elders from sister Associations according to miles travelled to and from our Association.

6. On motion and second the Clerk was authorized to have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and sister Associations.

7. Agreed to hold the next session of this Association with Valley View Church, Montgomery County, Virginia, 2 miles south of Riner, on Route 8, to begin on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1950, and two days following, the Lord willing.

8. Elder Roy S. Smith to preach the introductory sermon Elder R. L. Stockner, alternate.

9. Adjourned to meet time and place appointed.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. R. Hollandsworth.

ELDER L. A. HARRIS, Moderator.
GUY B. PHILLIPS, Clerk.
ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Ass't Clerk.

PREACHING SERVICE

1—Introductory sermon preached by Elder L. A. Harris, text 2nd Peter 3:18.
2—Elder Otto Tilley, The work of God.
3—Elder Emmett Stone, Isa. 41:17, 18.

Saturday:

1—Elder C. A. Marshall, (failed to get text).
2—Elder J. O. Conner (failed to get text).
3—Elder S. T. Curlee, St. Luke 23:
4—Elder B. O. Thompson, I will go with thee unto death.
5—Elder R. S. Payne, 2nd Tim. 1:9.
6—Elder J. R. Hollandsworth, Rev. 4:10, 11.
7—Elder S. L. Moran, A way that seemeth right unto man.

Sunday:

Prayer by Elder L. L. Yopp.
1—Elder S. J. Priddy, Creature made subject to vanity.
2—Elder Cal. Tilley, A Sovereign God.
3—Elder L. L. Yopp, Deut. 23:
4—Brother C. R. Hollandsworth, Short talk.

ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

John F. Sumner ..... Sylvatus, Va.
R. L. Spencer ..... Foster Falls, Va.
G. P. Harris ..... Radford, Va.
L. A. Harris ..... Indian Valley, Va.
Roy S. Smith ..... Cascade, Va.
R. L. Stockner ..... Woodlawn, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Indian Creek—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 120
Little Vine—Elder J. F. Sumner, Shorts Creek, Va. 90
Montgomery—D. M. Akers, Christiansburg, Va. 30
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Laurel Creek—Annie Reed, Pilot, Va. 60

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Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md. 50
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Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. .. 40
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Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va. 30
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 40
Bear Creek—Troy A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C 30
Abbott's Creek—Jesse Trogdon, Ashboro, N. C. 30
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 30
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. 30
Zion—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 20
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Valley View	Kyle Bishop, W. M. Graham, Gold Thompson	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	$19.25
Wilson's Grove .	J. A. Simpkins, E. W. Harris, R. O. Cox	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	10.00
Laurel Creek	Peter S. Vest, Elder S. L. Moran, Sister Martin	4	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	34	7.00
Indian Creek ...	E'der G. P. Harris, Roy S. Smith, Bro. J. S. Phillips	4	3	11	..	..	..	3	..	182	50.00
Little Vine	Elder J. F. Sumner, Bros. John Surratt, R. H. Payne	2	3	1	..	..	..	2	1	76	10.00
Mongomery	N. C. Harris, D. H. Poff, D. M Akers	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	10.00
	Totals	..	6	14	..	1	..	6	1	378	106.75

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OF THE

One Hundred Seventy - Third

Annual Session

OF THE

New River

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Wilson's Grove Church

PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10,

1967

Next session convenes with Indian Creek Church located seven miles north of Willis, Virginia on 787, Floyd Co., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1968.

OFFICERS

ELDER J. S. SECHRIEST - Moderator, 1934 Welch Road Mt. Airy, N. C. Ph. 786-7147

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NEW RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED WITH WILSON'S GROVE CHURCH SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1967

1. After singing and prayer by Elder W. D. Barbour, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Sechriest, text Luke 1:1-5.

2. After intermission the messengers from the churches composing the New River Association met in the house, together with brethren, visitors and correspondents of sister Associations. The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

3. Moderator called for letters from the several churches of New River Primitive Baptist Association. The letters being read, by move and second, all messengers were seated and their names to appear on the Statistical Table.

4. By move and second Elder J. S. Sechriest was elected Moderator. G. E. Duncan, Clerk, N. H. Quesenberry Assistant Clerk.

5. Called for petitionary letters: none.

6. Moved and second that the Moderator make all necessary appointments. Finance Committee: Joe J. Duncan, Honorary, R. W. Simpkins, W. J. Duncan; Committee on Preaching: E. W. Harris, Elbert Kirkman, N. H. Quesenberry, O. L. Surratt, Vernie R. Bolt.

7. By move and second the Clerk to distribute the Minutes of sister Associations as they come in to the Clerk of this Association.

8. By move and second we call for correspondents, and visitors from sister Associations:

Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake and wife.

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Bros. W. M. Freeman, O. H. Hunt, Jesse Trogdon.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, Troy Hill and wife, Roy Flippin and wife, Sam Flippin, Garland Payne, Bros. Lacy Mosley, J. W. Sechriest, G. A. Fulk, G. L. Badgett and wife, J. B. Branch and wife, George Throckmorton, Sister Ida Melton and others.

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White Oak: Elder Eugene Shepard and wife, Sister J. B. Huffin.

Salem: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Elder J. T. Jones, Brother Lane Mullis and wife, others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Bros. Burnard Whitefield, Wallace Oakley, I. M. Garrard, O. Y. Clayton, W. A. Wheeler and wife, Hubert Browning and wife, Sister Jane Faust.

Lower Mayo: Elder W. J. Puckett, Bros. Charlie Biggs and wife, Willey Cassell and wife, Winfred Young and wife, others.

Black Creek: Elder W. P. Lamm and wife, Bros. A. B. C. Lamm and wife, Elijah Scott.

Blue Ridge: Elders H. D. Prilliman, B. N. Martin, T. T. Brammer, L. L. Cassell and wife, Calbert Fulcher, C. P. Perdue and wife, Emmett Stone, Dewey Rakes, Bros. R. T. Joyce, J. Henry Cassell and wife, Noel Tilley, Geo. Jamerson, others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Little River: Elders T. F. Adams, W. D. Barbour, and wife, Brother C. L. Ogburn.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Independent churches: Glenwood Park: Elder W. E. Branch.

Zenith Church: Sisters Gracie Lawless, Minnie Young.

9. By move and second that we seat correspondents from sister Associations and visitors.

10. By move and second that we adjourn and meet at 9:30 Saturday September 9, 1967.

11. Dismissed Association with prayer by Elder T. F. Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 9, 1967.

1. The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Woodrow Lake.

2. Called the roll of messengers and dropped the names of absentees.

3. Called for corresponding messengers to report. Those attending reported and those that did not were excused.

4. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

Mates Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Dan Wade, G. E. Duncan.

Abbotts Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, C. S. Gates.

Laurel Springs: Elder J. S. Sechriest, R. W. Himpkins, W. J. Duncan, N. H. Quesenberry, O. L. Surratt, C. S. Gates, G. E. Duncan.

White Oak: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, Elbert Kirkman, G. E. Duncan.

Salem: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Dan Wade, C. S. Gates, Elbert Kirkman, G. E. Duncan.

Bear Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Elbert Kirkman.

Lower Country Line: Elder J. S. Sechriest, R. W. Simpkins, Dan Wade, C. S. Gates, G. E. Duncan.

Lower Mayo: Elder J. S. Sechriest, E. W. Harris, R. W. Simpkins, G. E. Duncan.

Black Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, W. J. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman, C. S. Gates, Dan Wade, G. E. Duncan.

Blue Ridge: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, N. H. Quesenberry, W. J. Duncan, O. L. Surratt, G. E. Duncan.

Seven Mile: Dan Wade, C. S. Gates.

Little River: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, G. E. Duncan.

Mill Branch: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Elbert Kirkman, C. S. Gates, G. E. Duncan.

5. Call for finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Received from the Churches	$180.00	
Received from brethren, sisters and friends ..	65.00	$245.00
Expenditures	None	
Allowed for printing and mailing minutes	77.50	
Allowed the Moderator	10.00	
Allowed the Clerk	10.00	

Balance of the funds to be distributed among visiting Elders.

6. Move and second that we follow the same proceedings as last year in having the minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations.

7. Move and second was made that we authorize the clerk to have 1,000 copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations.

8. Move and second that the next session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association convene with Indian Creek Church, Floyd County, Va., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1968, continuing three days, the Lord willing.

9. Move and second the Clerk have waybill printed in the Minutes to next Association.

10. Elder J. S. Sechriest was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

11. Move and second that we omit the reading of minutes. Clerk to correct all mistakes.

12. Move and second that we adjourn to meet at time and place appointed, the Lord willing.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. C. Dunbar.

ELDER J. S. SECHRIEST, Moderator
G. E. DUNCAN, Clerk
N. H. QUESENBERRY, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder W. D. Barbour, Opened with song and prayer.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Introductory Sermon, Luke 1:1-5

Friday Afternoon:

Elder T. F. Adams, 1 Peter 1:1-5
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Jeremiah 13:23
Elder L. P. Martin, Song of Solomon 2:4
Elder H. D. Prilliman, 2 Cor. 12:9
Elder W. J. Puckett, excused himself
Elder W. J. Puckett, dismissed the services

Saturday Morning:

Elder Woodrow Lake, opened with song and prayer
Elder C. P. Perdue, Love and praise
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Genesis 27:39
Elder J. T. Jones, experience

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Garland Payne, Romans 5:1
Elder Eugene Shepard, experience
Elder Woodrow Lake, experience
Elder W. D. Barbour, St. Luke 13:1
Elder J. C. Dunbar, dismissed the services.

Sunday Morning:

Elder W. P. Lamm, opened with song and prayer.
Elder W. P. Lamm, Isaiah 35:8
Elder L. L. Cassell, John 1:1-9
Elder W. E. Branch, 2 Cor. 4:8
Elder N. G. Hutchins, experience.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Calbert Fulcher, Deuteronomy 37:9
Elder Sam Flippin, experience
Elder T. T. Brammer, Matt. 13:16
Elder Dewey Rakes, St. Luke 1:35
Elder Emmett Stone, Dismissed the Association with prayer.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elders:

W. T. Branch, Rt. 2, Marion, Va. Ph. 783-2569
Woodrow Lake, Colloden, W. Va.
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Roy Flippin, 1440 Airview Drive, Mt. Airy,, N. C.
Troy Hill, Rt. 4, Box 188, Galax, Va.
Sam Flippin, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Garland Payne, Dobson, N. C.
Eugene Shephard, Beulaville, N. C.
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B. N. Martin, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
Dewey Rakes, Stuart, Va.
Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
H. D. Prilliman, Collinsville, Va.
Charles P. Perdue, Rt. 2, Rocky Mt., Va.
Thomas T. Brammer, 208 Lester Rd., Collinsville, Va.
L. L. Cassell, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
Calbert Fulcher, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
T. F. Adams, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.
W. D. Barbour, Rt. 3, Benson, N. C.

ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1934 Welch Rd., Mt. Airy, N. C. Ph. 786-7147

Licentiates:
Brother Clayton Bond, Willis, Va.
Brother J. D. Wade, Star Route, Radford, Va.

CHURCHES, PASTORS & COMMUNION TIME

Wilson's Grove: Elders Roy Flippin and Troy Hill; 1st Sun. in Aug.
Indian Creek: Elders J. S. Sechriest, 4th Sunday in August.
Flower Gap: Elder J. S. Sechriest; 1st Sunday in September.
Little Vine: Elders J. S. Sechriest, 2nd Sun. Aug.
Montgomery: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 3rd in July.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We desire and hope to give thanks to God for His loving kindness and his absolute mercies to us in the coming together of this session of New River Association.

We desire to give thanks to God for our sister associations and friends that come to be with us.

We also wish to express our thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for their cooperation in preparing for this Association. We

bow humbly to give God the praise and glory for such a wonderful association.

WAYBILL TO OUR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The Church located on 787 Copper Valley, Va. and Indian Valley, Va. Those coming on route 8 and 52 take 221 to Willis, Va. Then take 787 to Indian Valley. Those coming on 81 take exit 35 to Childress, on 600 to 693 on to 787 fifteen miles to association. Those coming by Christiansburg, Va. on 8 turn right at stone drive in on 693 on to 787 fourteen miles to association.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Indian Creek—Norman H. Quesenberry, Willis, Va. 150
Flower Gap—Rush V. Leonard, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C. 60
Little Vine—O. L. Surratt, Shorts Creek, Va. 70
Montgomery—Dewey A. Light, Cambria, Va. 60
Wilson's Grove—Alfred Flinchum, Rt. 4, Pulaski, Va. 60
G. E. Duncan—Rt. 1, Radford, Va. 140

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Mates Creek—N. E. Stanley, P. O. Box 193, Hardy, Ky. 25
Abbotts Creek—Elder Calvin T. Harward, Rt. 7, Sanford, N. C. .. 35
Laurel Springs—Geo. Fulk, Rt. 2, Pilot Mtn., N. C. 35
Lower Mayo—Elder S. L. Gilbert, Box 2629 Winston-Salem, N. C. 35
Salem—Elder A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. 35
Bear Creek—Troy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 232, Monroe, N. C. 35
Mill Branch—M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, S. C. 25
Lower Country Line—Ruben Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. 55
Blue Ridge—Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va. 35
Black Creek—L. G. Brantley, Rt. 1, Box 67, Spring Hope, N. C. .. 25
Seven Mile—Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N. C. 25
Little River—C. L. Ogburn, Willow Springs, N. C. 50
Glenwood Park Church: Elder L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Box 672, Princeton, W. Va. 10
Zenith Church: Brother Frank Willis, Ashland, W. Va. 5
White Oak: Brother M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N. C. 25

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and living God, and that in the God-head are three persons, the Father, the Word, or Son, and the Holy Ghost, which three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures were given by the inspiration of God, and we accept them as being the only complete and unerring rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God has always pursued His own infinitely wise plan in all His works and ways and that He will ever continue to do so, hence all things brought to pass by Him are but the result of His holy, wise, and determinate counsel from eternity.

4. We believe that Adam, though created in the image of his Maker, who pronounced him very good, did of his own volition, wilfully transgress the law of God, as a consequence became a fallen and fatally depraved creature, and all mankind with him.

5. We believe that redemption, regeneration, sanctification, justification and salvation are by virtue of the birth, life, death and resurrection and mediation of Jesus Christ and in no other way; and that all the graces of the Spirit are referrable to the church of God.

6. We believe that all the saints were predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, elected to eternal salvation according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, that they will all be called with an holy calling; and the righteousness of Christ actually imputed to them by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit, so that none of the heirs of promise can be eternally lost.

7. We believe that all the elect of God were chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that immersion upon profession of faith in Christ in the name of the sacred Trinity, by one duly authorized by the Church to administer the ordinance of God in the Church is gospel baptism and that only, and that all persons so baptized who shall continue to walk circumspectly, and no other, shall have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a body corporate, possessing full power to govern herself, and having the exclusive right to receive and discipline her own members, knowing no rule but the word of God. She is therefore independnt.

10. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

11. We believe that the grace of God that brings salvation teaches us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, and that it is therefore the duty of all church members to be jointly and severally engaged in every good work for the glory of God and the honor of the Christian religion.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen at each meeting of the Association by a majority of the members present.

3. Only one shall speak at a time who when about to make his speech shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, and the Moderator shall not interrupt the speaker nor prohibit him from speaking till he has given his light or ideas upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

5. The speaker shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but he shall fairly state the case and matter that is, as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on one subject without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same; nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation except the title of "Brother."

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association may require it.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as other members provided the chair is filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12. Any members who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Indian Creek— Eld. J. S. Sechriest ..	N. H. Quesenberry, Willis, Va.	Bros. W. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan,* N. H. Quesenberry, alt.	Aug.	4	....	....	....	....	....	2	131	$60.00
Flower Gap— Eld. J. S. Sechriest ..	Rush V. Leonard, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.	Deacon Edd Leonard, Rush V. Leonard,* Elbert Kirkman, Deacon C. S. Gates, alt.	Sept.	1	1	....	....	2	....	2	30	40.00
Little Vine— Elders J. S. Sechriest	O. L. Surratt, Shorts Creek, Va.	Eld. J. S. Sechriest, Bros. O. L. Surratt, Walter M. Surratt, Deacon Harvey Payne, alt.*	Aug.	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	60	30.00
Montgomery— Eld. J. S. Sechriest ..	Dewey A. Light, Christiansburg, Va. .	Bros. A. B. Mitchell,* H. S. Compton,* V. R. Bolt, Sister Snowie S. Bolt, alt.	July	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	22	25.00
Wilson's Grove— Elds. Troy Hill & Roy Flippin	Alfred Flinchum, Rt. 4, Box 49 Pulaski, Va.	Bros. R.W. Simpkins, Early Harris, J. A. Simpkins, Colon Simpkins, alt.	Aug.	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	29	25.00

Little Vine has 1 ordained elder. Indian Creek has 2 licensed gifts.
*Absentees marked thus: *

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HELD WITH

Indian Creek Church

FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8,

1968

Next session convenes with Flower Gap Church, located twelve miles northwest of Mt. Airy, N. C. Take 52 to 691. Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1969.

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Proceedings

Of the One Hundred Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association, Convened with Indian Creek Church, Floyd County, Virginia, September 6, 7, and 8, 1968.

1. After singing and prayer by Elder J. H. Carter, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Sechriest, text Ephesians 2:1-8.

2. After intermission the messengers from the churches composing the New River Primitive Baptist Association met in the house, together with brethren, visitors and correspondents of sister associations. The association was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

3. Moderator called for letters from the several churches of New River Primitive Baptist Association. The letters being read, by move and second, all messengers were seated and their names to appear on the Statistical Table.

4. By move and second Elder J. S. Sechriest was elected Moderator. G. E. Duncan, Clerk, N. H. Quesenberry, Assistand Clerk.

5. Called for petitionary letters. None.

6. Moved and second that the Moderator make all necessary appointments.

Finance Committee: J. J. Duncan, Colon Simpkims.

Committee on Preaching: E. W. Harris, W. J. Duncan, C. S. Gates, V. R. Bold, Ralph Payne.

7. By move and second the Clerk to distribute the minutes of sister associations as they come in to the Clerk of this association.

8. By move and second we call for correspondents and visitors from sister associations:

Mates Creek: Elder Woodrow Lake, Arthur Conn, Richard Keesee, Brother Elmer Smith, Sisters Rena Lake, Bessie Hatfield, Myrtle Conn, Brother Berlin Ball, Sisters Lala Smith, Lassie Smith, others.

Abbotts Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Staley, Brothers J. N. Trogdon, Clarence Cockman, Sister Addie Hunt, and others.

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Laurel Springs: Elders S. W. Bunn, Sam Flippin, Roy Flippin, E. C. Newman, Brothers Lacy Moseley, G. A. Fulk, R. H. McCraw, George Thorckmorton, Sisters Ida Melton, Opaline Felts, Lora Newman, Mallie Hill, and others.

White Oak: Minutes.

Salem: Elder G. W. Hill.

Bear Creek: Elder J. T. Jones, Brother Lane Mullis and wife, Lloyd Almond, Floyd Moore and wife, R. R. Whitley and wife, Troy A. Williams, and others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin and wife, Brothers Hubert Browning, Billie Hill, I. M. Garrard, Victor Walters, and others.

Lower Mayo: S. L. Bilbert, S. J. Corn, N. G. Hutchins, W. J. Puckett, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Richard L. Willis, Brother Willey Cassell and wife, Sister C. J. Clifton, and others.

Black Creek: Elder J. M. Stevens and wife, Sister Virginia Rose, and others.

Blue Ridge: Elders Dewey Rakes, Layton Wingfield, Emmett Stone, B. H. Martin, H. D. Prilliman, Frank Pegram, T. T. Brammer, L. L. Cassell, Calbert Fulcher, Brother Noel Tilley, Henry Cassell and wife, George Jamerson, Sister Julia Perdue, Robert Via, and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Little River: Elder W. D. Barbour, C. L. Ogburn, and wife, Sister Virgie Dean.

Mill Branch: Elder J. H. Carter.

Bannister Springs: Elder Melvin R. Shelton.

Glenwood Park: Elder W. E. Branch, Sister Grace Lawless, and others.

9. By move and second that we seat correspondents from sister associations and visitors.

10. By move and second that we adjourn and meet at 9:30 Saturday September 7, 1968.

11. Dismissed Association with Prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 7, 1968

1. The Association was opened with song and prayer by

Elder Arthur Conn.

2. Called the roll of messengers and dropped the names of absentees.

3. Called for corresponding messengers to report. Those attending reported and those that did not were excused.

4. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

Mates Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, Dan Wade.

Abbotts Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, C. S. Gates, Elbert Kirkman.

Laurel Springs: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, W. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, N. H. Quesenberry, Dan Wade, Elbert Kirkman.

White Oak: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, G. E. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman.

Salem: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, C. S. Gates, J. J. Duncan. Dan Wade, Elbert Kirkman.

Bear Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, C. S. Gates, Dan Wade.

Lower Country Line: Elders J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, C. S. Gates, J. J. Duncan, Dan Wade.

Lower Mayo: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Early Harris, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman.

Black Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, Dan Wade, G. E. Duncan.

Blue Ridge: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, W. J. Duncan, C. S. Gates, N. H. Quesenberry, J. J. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman.

Seven Mile: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, C. S. Gates, Dan Wade, Elbert Kirkman.

Little River: Elder J. S. Sechriest, J. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan, C. S. Gates.

Mill Branch: Elder J. S. Sechriest, C. S. Gates, G. E. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman.

5. Call for Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Received from churches	$185.00	
Contributions from friends	65.75	$250.75
Allowed for printing Minutes	$ 77.50	
Allowed for Moderator	10.00	
Allowed the Clerk	10.00	
Expenditures	7.00	
Disbursements visiting Elders	146.25	$250.75

Move and second that the report be received and all committees be discharged at close of association.

6. Move and second that we follow the same proceedings as last year in having the minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations.

7. Moved and second was made that we authorize the Clerk to have 1,000 (one thousand) copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations.

8. Moved and second that the next session of New River Primitive Baptist Association convene with Flower Gap Church, Carroll County, Va. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1969, continuing three days, the Lord willing.

9. Move and second the Clerk have waybill printed in minute to next Association.

10. Elder J. S. Sechriest was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. By move and second.

11. Moved and second that we omit the reading of minute.

12. Moved and second that we adjourn to meet at time and place appointed, the Lord willing.

Closed with prayer by Elder W. D. Barbour.

J. S. SECHRIEST, Moderator
GERVASE E. DUNCAN, Clerk
NORMAN H. QUESENBERRY, Ass't Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. H. Carter, Opened with song and prayer
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Introductory Sermon, Eph. 2:1-8

Friday Afternoon:

Elder S. T. Atkinson, Opened with song and prayer
Elder L. P. Martin, Romans 8:30-31
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Experience
Elder W. J. Puckett, St. John 1:1-8
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Few remarks and excused himself
Elder S. W. Bunn, Dismissed the services

Saturday Morning:

Elder Arthur Conn, opened with song and prayer
Elder W. D. Barbour, close association with prayer
Elder J. H. Carter, Eph. 2:1-2
Elder W. D. Barbour, Isa. 43:16-20

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Staley, Zephaniah 3:12
Elder Calbert Fulcher, St. Matthew 5:6
Elder H. D. Prilliman, Romans 1:11
Elder Dewey Rakes, Give a reason for a hope
Elder G. W. Hill, St. John 1:14
Elder Layton Wingfield, dismissed the services

Sunday Morning:

Elder Woodrow Lake, opened with song and prayer
Elder J. T. Jones, Titus 1:1
Elder Richard Keesee, Genesis 1:1
Elder Layton Wingfield, 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Elder Arthur Conn, Blessed that wait upon the Lord
Elder Richard L. Willis, St. Luke 8:43-48

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Woodrow Lake, Revelation 12:7-8
Elder S. W. Bunn, Experience
Elder Melvin R. Shelton, Acts 20:24
Elder W. E. Branch, Experience
Elder J. M. Stevens, Proverbs 4:3
Elder N. G. Hutchins, dismissed the association with prayer.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elders:

Arthur Conn, Freeburn, Ky.
Richard Keesee, Ransom, Ky.
Woodrow Lake, Culloden, W. Va.
S. T. Atkinson, 1601 Woodside Ave., High Point, N. C.; Ph. 887-8380
W. E. Staley, Rt. 4, Asheboro, N. C. 27203; Ph. 629-9657
E. C. Newman, Fancy Gap, Va.
Roy Flippin, 1440 Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030
S. W. Bunn, Rt. 2, Woodlawn, Va.
Troy Hill, Rt. 4, Box 188, Galax, Va.
Sam Flippin, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.

W. E. Branch, Rt. 2, Marion, Va.
G. W. Hill, 929 Glenwood Ave., Greensboro, N. C. 27400; Ph. BR2-1598
J. T. Jones, Rt. 1, P. O. 515, Marshville, N. C. 28103; Ph. 624-2322
L. P. Martin, Roxboro, N. C. 27573
S. L. Gilbert, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C.
S. J. Corn, Stuart, Va.
N. G. Hutchins, Stoneville, N. C.
W. J. Puckett, Pine Hill, N. C.
L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C.
A. A. Doss, Rt. 3, Evington, Va.
Richard L. Willis, Meadow Lark Drive, Rt. 8, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Melvin R. Shelton, Concord, Va.
J. M. Stevens, Raleigh, N. C.
Dewey Rakes, Stuart, Va.
Layton Wingfield, Rt. 1, Ridgeway, Va.
Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va. 24089
H. D. Prilliman, Collinsville, Va. 24078
Frank Pegram, Rt. 2, Box 61T, Bassett, Va. 24055
T. T. Brammer, 208 Lester Rd., Collinsville, Va. 24078
L. L. Cassell, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
Calbert Fulcher, Rt. 2, Bassett, Va.
B. H. Martin, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
W. D. Barbor, Rt. 3, Benson, N. C.
J. H. Carter, S. Boundary St., Manning, S. C. 29102; Ph. 435-8206
Licentiates:
Lane Mullis, Rt. 3, Box 77-, Albemarle, N. C.

CHURCHES, PASTORS & COMMUNION TIME

Wilson's Grove: Elders Roy Flippin and Troy Hill; 1st Sun. in Aug.
Indian Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 4th Sunday in August.
Flower Gap: Elder J. S. Sechriest; 1st Sunday in September.
Little Vine: Elders J. S. Sechriest, 2nd Sun. Aug.
Montgomery: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 3rd in July.

ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1934 Welch Rd., Mt. Airy, N. C.; Ph. 786-7147
Licentiates:
Brother Clayton Bond, Willis, Va.
J. D. Wade, Star Route, Radford, Va.
Elbert Kirkman, Mt. Airy, N. C.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We hope to give thanks to God for His loving kindness, His mercies to us in coming together of this session of New River Association. We hope to give thanks to God for sister associations and friends that come to be with us.

We also wish to express our thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for their cooperation in preparing for this Association. We humbly bow to give God the praise for a wonderful association.

WAYBILL TO OUR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next session of this Association will convene with Flower Gap Church, the Lord willing, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1969, continuing through Sunday.

The church is located about twelve miles northwest of Mt. Airy,

N. C. Those coming from southwest on 52 turn left at foot of Fancy Gap Mountain. Those coming from northwest on 52 turn right at foot of Fancy Gap Mountain, continue on to church on 691.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Indian Creek—Norman H. Quesenberry, Willis, Va. 150
Flower Gap—Rush V. Leonard, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C. 60
Little Vine—O. L. Surratt, Shorts Creek, Va. 70
Montgomery—Vernie R. Bolt, Rt. 1, Box 32, Blacksburg, Va. 60
Wilson's Grove—Alfred Flinchum, Rt. 4, Pulaski, Va. 60
G. E. Duncan—Rt. 1, Radford, Va. 140

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Mates Creek—N. E. Stanley, P. O. Box 193, Hardy, Ky. 25
Abbotts Creek—Elder Calvin T. Harward, Rt. 7, Sanford, N. C. .. 35
Laurel Springs—Geo. Fulk, Rt. 2, Pilot Mtn., N. C. 35
Lower Mayo—Elder S. L. Gilbert, Box 2629 Winston-Salem, N. C. 35
Salem—Elder A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. 35
Bear Creek—Troy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 232, Monroe, N. C. 35
Mill Branch—M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, S. C. 25
Lower Country Line—Ruben Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. 55
Blue Ridge—Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va. 35
Black Creek—L. G. Brantley, Rt. 1, Box 67, Spring Hope, N. C. .. 25
Seven Mile—Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N. C. 25
Little River—C. L. Ogburn, Willow Springs, N. C. 50
White Oak: Brother M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N. C. 25
Glenwood Park Church: Elder L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Box 672, Princeton, W. Va. 10

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and living God, and that in the God-head are three persons, the Father, the Word, or Son, and the Holy Ghost, which three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures were given by the inspiration of God, and we accept them as being the only complete and unerring rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God has always pursued His own infinitely wise plan in all His works and ways and that He will ever continue to do so, hence all things brought to pass by Him are but the result of His holy, wise, and determinate counsel from eternity.

4. We believe that Adam, though created in the image of his Maker, who pronounced him very good, did of his own volition, wilfully transgress the law of God, as a consequence became a fallen and fatally depraved creature, and all mankind with him.

5. We believe that redemption, regeneration, sanctification, justification and salvation are by virtue of the birth, life, death and resurrection and mediation of Jesus Christ and in no other way; and that all the graces of the Spirit are referrable to the church of God.

6. We believe that all the saints were predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, elected to eternal salvation according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, that they will all be called with an holy calling; and the righteousness of Christ actually imputed to them by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit, so that none of the heirs of promise can be eternally lost.

7. We believe that all the elect of God were chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that immersion upon profession of faith in Christ in the name of the sacred Trinity, by one duly authorized by the Church to administer the ordinance of God in the Church is gospel baptism and that only, and that all persons so baptized who shall continue to walk circumspectly, and no other, shall have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a body corporate, possessing full power to govern herself, and having the exclusive right to receive and discipline her own members, knowing no rule but the word of God. She is therefore independent.

10. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

11. We believe that the grace of God that brings salvation teaches us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, and that it is therefore the duty of all church members to be jointly and severally engaged in every good work for the glory of God and the honor of the Christian religion.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen at each meeting of the Association by a majority of the members present.

3. Only one shall speak at a time who when about to make his speech shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, and the Moderator shall not interrupt the speaker nor prohibit him from speaking till he has given his light or ideas upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

5. The speaker shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but he shall fairly state the case and matter that is, as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on one subject without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same; nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation except the title of "Brother."

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association may require it.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as other members provided the chair is filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association bbe equally divided.

12. Any members who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions	Ordained Elders	Licensed Gifts
Flower Gap— Eld. J. S. Sechriest ..	Rush V. Leonard, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.	Fred V. Leonard, C. S. Gates, Elbert Kirkman, Rush V. Leonard, alt.	Sept.	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	$40.00	....	1
Little Vine— Elders J. S. Sechriest	O. L. Surratt, Shorts Creek, Va.	O. L. Surratt, Eld. J. S. Sechriest, Ralph Payne, Walter M. Surratt, alt.	Aug.	2	....	....	....	2	....	1	62	35.00	1	....
Montgomery— Eld. J. S. Sechriest ..	V. R. Bolt, Rt. 1, Box 32 Blacksburg, Va.	A. B. Mitchell, V. R. Bolt, Sister Snowie Bolt, Sister Lena Dowdy, alt.	July	3	....	....	....	....	1	2	21	25.00	....	....
Wilson's Grove— Elds. Troy Hill & Roy Flippin	Alfred Flinchum, Rt. 4, Box 49 Pulaski, Va.	Early W. Harris, Reupard Simpkins, Jake Simpkins, Colon Simpkins, alt.	Aug.	1	....	1	....	1	....	2	27	25.00	....	....
Indian Creek— Eld. J. S. Sechriest ..	N. H. Quesenberry, Willis, Va.	J. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan, W. J. Duncan, N. H. Quesenberry, alt.	Aug.	4	....	1	....	1	....	4	127	60.00	....	2

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Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

New River
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Wilson's Grove Church

PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10

1972

Next Session convenes with Indian Creek Church located seven miles north of Willis, Va. on 787, Floyd Co., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1973.

OFFICERS

ELDER J.S. SECHRIEST, ... MODERATOR
1934 Welch Rd., Mt. Airy, N.C. Ph. 919-786-7147
BRO. G.E. DUNCAN, ... CLERK,
Rt. 1, Radford, Va. Ph. 703-639-0296
BRO. N.H. QUESENBERRY, ... ASSISTANT CLERK,
Willis, Va.

Proceedings

Of the One Hundred Seventy-Eight Annual Session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association, Convened with Wilson's Grove Church, Pulaski County, Virginia, September 8, 9, and 10.

I. Assemble in the church house at 11:00 a.m. After singing and Prayer by Elder Troy Hill, introductory sermon was preached by Elder J.S. Sechriest, text Genesis 28:16-17. Alt. Brother Dan Wade, St. John 1:1-5.

2. After intermission one hour, Messengers from the churches composing New River Primitive Baptist Association met in the house, together with brethren, sisters, visitors and correspondents of sisters associations. The association was opened with song and Prayer by Elder L.G. Mishoe.

3. Moderator called for letters from the several churches of New River Primitive Baptist Association. The letters being read, by Move and second. All Messengers were seated and their names to appear on the Statistical Table. Move carried.

4. By Move and second Elder J.S. Sechriest, was chosen Moderator; Move carried. By Move and second G.E. Duncan, Clerk; N.H. Quesenberry, Assistant Clerk. Move carried.

5. Call for petitionary letters. None.

6. By Move and second that the Moderator make all necessary appointments. Move carried.

Finance Committee: Bros. J.J. Duncan, Colon Simpkins

Committee on Preaching: Bros. R.W. Simpkins, A.E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman, Walter Surratt, Vernie R. Bolt.

7. By Move and second the Clerk to distribute Minutes of Sisters associations as they come in to the Clerk of this association. Move carried.

8. By Move and second we call for correspondents and visitors from sisters associations. Move carried.

Blue Ridge: Move and second not to seat Blue Ridge Association and Bannister Springs and Glenwood Park Church at this time. Move carried.

Laurel Springs: Elders Troy Hill and Wife, Roy Flippin and Wife, Bros. Ray Payne and Wife, G.A. Fulk, Sister Opelene Felts, Others.

Mates Creek: Minutes.

Abbotts Creek: Elders W.E. Staley and wife, James Moody,

White Oak: Elders Owen Kennedy, Eugene Shepard and wife, Sis. J.B. Huffman.

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Salem: Elder John T. Lee, Bro. Charlie L. Harryman and wife, Others.

Bear Creek: Elder J.T. Jones and wife, Bros. Lane Mullis and wife, Floyd Moore and wife, Sis. Casie Thomas, others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L.P. Martin, Bros. Clyde Blalock, George Walker, Victor Walters and wife, James Rose, W.A. Wheeler and wife, Hubert Browning and wife.

Lower Mayo: Elders, A.A. Doss, N.G. Hutchins, S.L. Gilbert, Sis. Mary Clifton, Bro. Willie Cassell and wife, Bro. Crady Clark, others.

Black Creek: A.B.C. Lamm and wife, Sisters Annie Williamson, Lizzie Williamson.

Seven Miles: Bro. Graham Jackson.

Little River: Elder T.F. Adams and wife, Elder R.L. Fish, Bro. J.M. Raper and wife, Sisters Eurice Ogburn, Eva Pierce.

Mill Branch: Elder L.G. Mishew and wife, Bro. Liston Vaught and wife, Williams F. Causey, Sister R.C. Coleman, Lessie Hardee.

Visitors from independent churches:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

9. By move and second that we seat corresponding visitors from sisters associations of same faith and order to seat with us and independent churches: Move carried.

10. By Move and second that we adjourn and meet at 9:30 Saturday a.m., September 9, 1972. Move carried.

Dismissed association with Prayer by Elder James Moody.

Saturday Morning—September 10, 1972

1. After singing the association was opened with song and Prayer by Elder L.G. Mishew.

2. By Move and second call the roll of Messengers and dropped the names of absentees. Move carried.

3. By Move and second call for corresponding Messengers to report. Those attending reported and those that did not were excused. Also call for corresponding Messengers to sister associations as follows: Move carried.

Blue Ridge: Ordained authority of New River association appointed as Messengers to Blue Ridge association to observe their order. Were invited to report. Moderator Elder Frank Pegram.

Elder J.S. Sechriest, Observed peace and order.

Bro. G.E. Duncan, Observed peace and order.

Bro. R.W. Simpkins, Observed peace and order.
Elder H.D. Prillaman, Moderator.
Bro. E.W. Harris, Observed peace and order, Enjoyed very much.
Bro. R.W. Simpkins, Observed peace and order, and enjoyed association.
By Move and second to release Mesengers that attended Blue Ridge association. Move carried.

Laurel Springs: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. J.J. Duncan, G.E. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman.

Mates Creek: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan, A.E. Smith.

Abbotts Creek: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. J.J. Duncan, G.E. Duncan, A.E. Smith.

White Oak: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, A.E. Smith, J.J. Duncan.

Salem: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan, A.E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman.

Bear Creek: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan, A.E. Smith.

Lower Country Line: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan, A.E. Smith, Dan Wade, Cecil Quesenberry.

Lower Mayo: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan, A.E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman.

Black Creek: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan.

Seven Miles: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan, A.E. Smith.

Little River: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. J.J. Duncan, G.E. Duncan, A.E. Smith.

Mill Branch: Elder J.S. Sechriest, Bros. G.E. Duncan, J.J. Duncan A.E. Smith.

5. Call for Finance Committee to report. They reported:

Received from the churches.	$278.00	
Contributions from brothers, sisters, friends	$68.00	$346.00
Allowed for Printing Minutes.	$96.00	
Allowed Moderator.	$10.00	
Allowed Clerk.	$10.00	
Expenditures.	None	
Disbursements to Visiting Elders.	$230.00	$346.00

By Move and second that the report be received and all committees be discharged at close of association. Move carried.

6. By Move and second that we follow the same proceedings

as last year in having the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sisters associations. Move carried.

7. By Move and second was made that we authorize the clerk to have 1,000 (one thousand) copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sisters associations. Move carried.

8. Move and second that the next session of New River Primitive Baptist Association will convene with Indian Creek Church on Friday before the second Sunday in Spetember, 1973 continuing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, The Lord willing. Move carried.

9. By Move and second the clerk have waybill printed in Minute to next association, Move carried.

10. By Move and second Elder J.S. Sechriest, was appointed to Preach the Introductory Sermon.

By Move and second Elder Troy Hill, was appointed as Alt. Move carried.

11. By Move and second that we omit the reading of the Minute. Move carried.

12. By Move and second that we adjourn to meet at time and place appointed. The Lord willing. Move carried.

Close association with Prayer by Elder A.A. Doss,

Elder J.S. Sechriest, Moderator,

Bro G.E. Duncan, Clerk,

Bro.N.H. Quesenberry, Ass't Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Troy Hill, Opened with song and Prayer.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Introductory Sermon. Genesis 28:16-17.
Brother Dan Wade, Alt. St. John I: 1-5.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder L. G. Mishoe, Opened association with song and Prayer.
Elder James Moody, Dismissed association with Prayer.
Elder L. P. Martin, Romans 9: 16.
Elder James Moody, Ephesians 2: 1-5.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Psalms 125:2.
Elder L. P. Martin, Dismissed service with song and Prayer.

Saturday Morning:

Elder L. G. Mishoe, Opened association with song and Prayer.
Elder A. A. Doss, Closed association with Prayer.
Elder L. G. Mishoe, St. Matthew 18: 1-7.
Elder A. A. Doss, Ecclesiastes 3:3-14.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Roy Flippin, Excused himself good remarks.
Elder T. F. Adams, Isaiah 40: 1-4.

Lic. Bro. Lane Mullis, Experience.
Elder N. G. Hutchins, No special text.
Elder John T. Lee, Isaiah 45: 7.
Elder W. E. Staley, Jeremiah 18: 1-6.
Elder T. F. Adams, Dismissed service with song and Prayer.

Sunday Morning:

Elder J. T. Jones, Opened service with song and Prayer.
Elder Eugene Shepherd, Galatians 1:12.
Elder Owen Kennedy, St. Matthews 3:16-17.
Elder J. T. Jones, Romans 16: 16-20.
Elder Owen Kennedy, Dismissed service with song and Prayer.

VISITING MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elders:

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Elder Owen Kennedy, Rt. 2, Pink Hill, N. C. (Beaulaville Ext.) 27572
Elder Eugene Shepard, Rt. 3, Beaulaville, N. C. (Richlands Ext.) 28518
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Elder W. E. Staley, Rt. 4, Asheboro, N. C. 27203, Tel. 629-9657
Elder T. F. Adams, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. 27592, Tel. 552-5483
Elder L. G. Mishoe, Rt. 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C. 29577. Tel., 293-2756

Licentiates

Brother Lane Mullis, Rt. 3, Albermarle, N. C. 28001

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We thank God for the manifestation of his Grace and mercy to us during this setting of the New River Association. We hope to give thanks to God, for Sisters Associations and friends that came to be with us in our Association. We also wish to express our thanks to our brethren and sister and friends for their co-operation in preparing for this association. May the Grace of God humbly bow us to give him all the Praise for his Love and mercies manifested in this Association.

WAYBILL TO OUR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The Church located on 787 Indian Valley, Va. Those coming on route 8 and 52 take 221 to Willis, Va. Then take 787 to Indian Valley. Seven miles. Those coming on 81 take exit 35 to Childress, on 600 to 693 to right on to 787 left fifteen miles to association. Those coming by Christiansburg, Va. on 8 turn right at Stones Drive Inn. On 693 on to 787 turn left. Fifteen miles to association.

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Bro. Elbert Kirkman, Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030

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Wilson's Grove: Alfred F. Flinchum, Rt. 1, Hiwassee, Va. 24347	60
Indian Creek: Norman H. Quesenberry, Willis, Va.	150
Flower Gap: Virginia Kirkman, Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030	60
Little Vine: O. L. Surratt, Rt. 1, Box 117, Riner, Va. 24149	60
Montgomery: Vernie R. Bolt, Rt. 1, Box 32, Blacksburg, Va. 24060	60
G.E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Radford, Va. 24141 tel. 639-0296	201

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTERS ASSOCIATIONS

Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Rt. 2, Pilot Mt., N.C. 27041	25
Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, Ranson, Ky. 41558	25
Abbotts Creek: Elder Calvin T. Harward, Rt. 7, Box 866, Sanford, N.C. 27330	35
Lower Mayo: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105	35
Salem: Elder John T. Lee, 310 Meadowbrook Drive, Burlington, N.C. 27215	35
Bear Creek: Elder W.C. Edwards, 300 Peggy Lane Dr., Matthews, N.C. 28105	35
Mill Branch: Bro. M.B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, S.C. 29520	25
Lower Country Line: Bro. Ruben Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N.C. 27573	55
Black Creek: Bro. Paul H. Caraway, 612 Angier, R.D. Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27526	25
Seven Miles: Bro. Corol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N.C. 28390	25
Little River: Bro. T.R. Whitley, 216 Oakleaf Drive, Wilmington, N.C 28401	50
White Oak: Bro. M.M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540	25
Mewborn Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn, Willow Springs, N.C. 27592	5
The Primitive Baptist Library, Rt. 2, Elon College, N.C. 27244	2
University of N.C. Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514	1
American Baptist Society, Rochester, N.Y. 14600	1
Bro. C.W. Duckworth, P.O. Box 24, Aluras, Florida 33820	5

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Indian Creek Eld. J.S. Sechriest	N.H. Quesenberry Willis, Va. 24380	Bros. A.E. Smith, J.J. Duncan, W. J. Duncan, G.E. Duncan, alt.		1	Aug.	4						6	110	$91.00
Flower Gap Eld. J.S. Sechriest	Virginia Kirkman Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030	Bros. Elbert Kirman, Gordon Leonard, Sis. Virginia Kirkman, Clemie Leonard, alt.		1	Sept.	1	1				6	1	20	$82.00
Little Vine Elder J.S. Sechriest	O. L. Surratt, Rt. 1, Box 117 Riner, Va. 24149	Bros. O. L. Surratt, Walter Surratt, Tim Spincer, Harvey Payne, alt.-x	1		Aug.	2						4	53	$50.00
Montgomery Elder J.S. Sechriest	Vernie R. Bolt, Rt. 1, Box 32 Blacksburg, Va. 24060	Bro. V.R. Bolt, Sisters Snowie Bolt, Kate Bugg, Lena Dowdy, alt.			July	3	3				1	2	19	$30.00
Wilson's Grove Eld. Troy Hill Eld. Roy Flippin	Alfred Flinchum, Route 1, Hiwassee, Va. 24347	Bros. E.W. Harris, R.W. Simpkins, Colon Simpkins, Sis. Sylvia Trail, alt.			Aug.	1						1	24	$25.00

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MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

New River

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Indian Creek Church

FLOYD COUNTY VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1973

Next session convenes with Flower Gap Church, located twelve miles northwest of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1974.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association. Convened With Indian Creek Church, Floyd County, Virginia, September 7, 8, and 9, 1973.

1. Assembled in the church house at 11:00 a. m. After singing and prayer by Elder L. G. Meshoe, introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Sechriest, text 4:1-5.
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2. After intermission of one hour, messengers from the several churches composing the New River Primitive Baptist Association met in the house, together with brethren, sisters, visitors and correspondents of sister associations. The association was opened with song and prayer by Elder C. S. Farmer.
3. Moderator called for letters from the several churches of New River Primitive Baptist Association. The letters being read, by move and second, all messengers were seated and their names to appear on the Statistical Table. Motion carried.
4. By move and second Elder J. S. Sechriest was chosen Moderator; Brother G. E. Duncan, Clerk; Brother N. H. Quesenberry, Assistant Clerk. Motion carried.
5. Called for petitionary letters. None.
6. By move and second that the Moderator make all necessary appointments. Motion carried.
   Finance Committee: Brothers J. J. Duncan, Colon Simpkins.
   Committee on Preaching: Brothers R. W. Simpkins, Jesse Mitchell, Gordon Leonard, Walter Surratt, J. A. Bugg.
   By Move and second the Clerk to distribute Minutes of Sister Associations as they come in to the Clerk of this Association. Motion carried.
8. By move and second we call for correspondents and visitors from sister Associations. Motion carried.
   Bear Creek: Move and second not to seat Bear Creek at this time. Motion carried.
   Laurel Springs: Elder Troy Hill and Wife, Elder George Flippin, Brothers George Fulk, Lacy Moseley and wife, many others.
   Mates Creek: Elders Charlie Whitt, Woodrow Lake and wife, Richard Keesee, Sister Bessie Hatfield and others.
   Abbotts Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson and wife, J. H. Moody and wife, Brothers Jesse Trogdon, J. N. Trogdon.
   White Oak: Minutes.
   Salem: Elders C. S. Farmer, John T. Lee, Brothers Crews Vance, C. R. Harryman.
   Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brothers Hubert Browning, George B. Walker, Victor Walters and Wife, W. A. Wheeler and wife and others.
   Lower Mayo: Elders J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss and wife, N. G. Hutchins and wife, L. G. Stewart and wife, Brother Willey Cassel and wife and others.
   Black Creek: Minutes.
   Seven Miles: Brother Alonzo Barefoot and wife
   Little River: Elder R. L. Fish, Brother J. M. Raper and wife, Sister

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Eurice Ogburn, Virgy Dean.

Mill Branch: Elder L. G. Mishoe and wife, Brother Liston Vaught and wife, Sisters Iva Coleman, Lessey Hardee.

Visitors from independent churches:

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Macedonia Church: Minutes.

Lawyer Springs Church: Elder J. A. Jones, moved and seconded to seat as independent church. Motion carried.

9. By move and second that we seat corresponding visitors from sister associations of same faith and order to seat with us and independent churches: Motion carried.
10. By move and second that we adjourn and meet at 9:30 Saturday, September 8, 1973. Motion carried.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Woodrow Lake.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1973

1. After singing according to adjourn to meet at 9:30 today the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Wpodrow Lake.
2. By move and second call the roll of Messengers and dropped the names of absentees. Motion carried.
3. By move and second call for corresponding Messengers to report. Those attending reported and those that did not were excused. Also called for corresponding Messengers to sister associations as follows: Motion carried.

LAUREL SPRINGS: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, Elbert Kirkman, J. J. Duncan, Cecil Quesenberry, N. H. Quesenberry.

MATES CREEK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith.

ABBOTTS CREEK: Brothers G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith.

WHITE OAK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith.

SALEM: Elder J. S. Sechriest, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman.

LOWER COUNTRY LINE: Brothers G. E. Duncan, A. E. Smith, Dan Wade.

LOWER MAYO: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, A. E. Smith, J. J. Duncan.

BLACK CREEK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brother G. E. Duncan.

SEVEN MILES: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith.

LITTLE RIVER: Brothers G. E. Duncan, A. E. Smith.

MILL BRANCH: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers J. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan.

5. Call for Finance Committee to report. They reported:

Received From The Churches	$312.00	
Contributions from Brothers, Sisters, Friends	87.00	$399.00
Allowed For Printing Minutes	$100.00	
Allowed Moderator	10.00	
Allowed Clerk	10.00	
Expenditures	.00	
Disbursements To Visiting Elders	$279.00	$399.00

By move and second that the report be received and all committees be discharged at the close of the association. Motion carried.

6. By move and second that we follow the same proceedings as last year in having Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations. Motion carried.
7. By Move and second was made that we authorize the clerk to have 1,000 (one thousand) copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations. Motion carried.
8. By move and second that the next session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association will convene with Flower Gap Church on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1974 continuing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Lord willing. Motion carried.
9. By move and second the clerk have waybill printed in Minutes to next Association, motion carried.
10. By move and second Elder J. S. Sechriest, was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Motion carried.
    By move and second that Brother Elbert Kirkman be appointed as alternate. Motion carried.
11. By Move and second that we omit the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.
12. By move and second that we adjourn to meet at time and place appointed. The Lord willing. Motion carried.

Closed association with prayer by Elder Charlie Whitt.

Elder J. S. Sechriest, Moderator
Brother G. E. Duncan, Clerk
Brother N. H. Quesenberry, Assistant Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder L. G. Mishoe, Opened with song and prayer.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, introductory sermon. Isaiah 40:1-5.
Elder Troy Hill, few remarks.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder C. S. Farmer, opened association with song and prayer.
Elder Woodrow Lake, dismissed with prayer.
Elder L. P. Martin, Acts 15:18.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Romans 11:5.
Elder C. S. Farmer, Psalms 103:13.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, made a few remarks.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, dismissed service with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Woodrow Lake, opened with song and prayer.
Elder Charlie Whitt, dismissed association with prayer.
Elder Richard Keesee, no special text
Elder R. L. Fish, I Peter 1:1-5.
Elder George Flippin, excused himself.
Elder L. G. Mishoe, Jeremiah 1:4-7.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder A. A. Doss, Gospel is power of God.
Elder J. G. Gardner, Hebrews 6:18-19.
Elder J. T. Lee, I Timothy 3:1-10.
Elder George Flippin, Good remarks.
Elder Woodrow Lake, dismissed with song and prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder Troy Hill. service opened with song and prayer.
Elder J. T. Jones, St. Luke 10:25-31.
Elder Woodrow Lake, Go to All I Send Thee.
Elder J. H. Moody, Jeremiah 31:1-3.
Elder Troy Hill, Good remarks.

SUNDAY EVENING:
Elder N. G. Hutchins, Take Up The Cross.
Elder L. G. Stewart, failed to get correct text.

At the close of the service, Mrs. Ocie C. Pratt, related her experience and was received as a candidate for baptism, by move and second.

She requested a home at Goodwill in Lower Mayo Association. Move carried. Also, Mrs. Irene S. Duncan, related her experience and was received as a candidate for baptism by move and second. Move carried.

Elder N. G. Hutchins dismissed with prayer.

Visiting Ministers And Their Addresses

Elder Troy Hill, Rt. 4, Box 188, Galax, Va. 24333
Elder George Flippen, 1314 Stewart Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030
Elder Charlie Whitt, Ransom, Ky. 41558.
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Elder J. T. Jones, Rt. 1, P. O. Box 298, Marshville, N. C. 28103.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We thank God for the manifestation of his marvelous grace and mercy

to us during this sitting of the New River Primitive Baptist Association. We hope to give thanks to God for Sister Associations and friends that came to be with us in our Association. We also wish to express our thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for their cooperation in preparing for this association. May the grace of God set our affection on things above not on things on earth. May God's marvelous grace humble us to give him all the praise for His love and mercies manifested in this Association.

WAYBILL TO OUR NEXT ASSOCIATION

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CHURCHES, PASTORS AND COMMUNION TIME

Indian Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 4th Sunday in August
Flower Gap: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1st Sunday in September
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Montgomery: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 3rd Sunday in July
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ELDER AND ADDRESS

Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1934 Welch Rt., Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030
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Licentiates

Brother J. D. Wade, Star Route, Radford, Va. 24141
Brother Elbert Kirkman, Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030

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Salem: Elder John T. Lee, 310 Meadowbrook Dr., Burlington, N.C. 27215 ---------- 35
Mill Branch: Brother M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, S.C. 29520 25
Lower Country Line: Bro. Ruben Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. 27573 -- 55
Black Creek: Bro. Paul H. Caraway, 612 Angier, Rd., Fuquay-Varina, N. C. 27526 ---------- 25
Seven Miles: Brother Corol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N. C. 28390 ---------- 25
Little River: Bro. John R. Green, 2825 Barmettler St., Raleigh, N. C. 27607 ---------- 65
White Oak: Bro. M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540 - 25
Mewborn Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn, Willow Springs, N. C. 27592 -- 5
Macedonia Church: Brother C. W. Duckworth, P. O. Box 24, Alures, Florida 33820 ,
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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Eighty-First Annual Session

OF THE

NEW RIVER

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Little Vine Church

CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14

1975

Next session convenes with Montgomery Church, located four miles northwest of Christianburg, Va. on Rt. 460, three miles southeast of Blacksburg, Va. Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1976.

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Proceedings

Of the One Hundred Eighty-First Annual Session of the
NEW RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Convened With Little Vine Church, Carroll County, Virginia
September 12, 13 and 14, 1975

1. Assembled in the church house at 10:30 a. m. After singing and prayer by Bro. Elbert Kirkman, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Sechriest, text: Galatians 4:4-6. Alternate: Bro. J. D. Wade, St. John 1:1-7.

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5. Called for petitionary letters. None.

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LAUREL SPRINGS: Elders George Flippin, Troy Hill, Bros. Ray Payne, G. A. Fulk and wife, Howard Puckett and wife, Sidney Felts and wife, Ed V. Easter, Jim Branch, Henry Hawks, Sis. Lora Newman and others.

MATES CREEK: Bros. Norman Byrd and wife, H. C. Johnson and wife, Sisters Mae Scott, Patricia Runyon.

ABBOTTS CREEK: Elder C. T. Harward, Bros. Jesse Trogdon, Northern Trogdon, Oscar Hunt and wife.

WHITE OAK: Sister Caroline Edwards.

SALEM: Elders C. S. Farmer, C. S. Brown, O. J. Wray, Jr., Hugh D. Wray, H. H. Dagenhart, Bros. R. B. Barham, M. A. Apple and wife and others.

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LOWER COUNTRY LINE: Bros. Victor Walters and wife, W. A. Wheeler and wife, Everette Hill and wife.

LOWER MAYO: Elders S. L. Gilbert, A. A. Doss, N. G. Hutchins and wife, Jack Pulliam, L. G. Stewart and wife, Bros. Harry Woods and wife, Troy Hutchins and wife and others.

BLACK CREEK: Bros. Paul Carraway and wife, A. B. C. Lamm and wife, Sister Annie Williams.

SEVEN MILE: Bro. Graham Jackson.

LITTLE RIVER: Elder R. L. Fish and wife, Bro. Thomas R. Whitley, Sisters Eurice Ogburn, Myrtle Thornton.

MILL BRANCH: Bro. Liston Vaught and wife.

MEWBORNS CHURCH: Minutes.

MACEDONIA CHURCH: Bros. W. C. Lake, C. W. Duckworth and wife.

LAWYER SPRINGS CHURCH: Elder J. T. Jones and wife, Bro. Wilson Jones and wife.

YELLOW RIVER: Elder Eugene H. Gunter.

9. By move and second that we seat corresponding visitors from sister associations of same faith and order to seat with us and independent churches. Motion carried.

10. By move and second that we adjourn and meet at 9:30 Saturday, September 13, 1975. Motion carried.

Dismissed association with prayer by Elder Troy Hill.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1975

After singing according to adjournment to meet at 9:30 today, the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Calvin T. Harward,

2. By move and second, call the roll of messengers and drop the name of absentees. Motion carried.

3. By move and second call for corresponding messengers to report. Those attending reported and those that did not were excused. Motion carried.

4. By move and second, call for corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows. Motion carried.

LAUREL SPRINGS: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, J. D. Wade, N. H. Quesenberry, A. E. Smith, Cecil Quesenberry, Elbert Kirkman.

ABBOTTS CREEK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, J. D. Wade, A. E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman.

MATES CREEK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Bros. G. E. Duncan, A. E. Smith, J. D. Wall, Elbert Kirkman.

WHITE OAK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith, J. D. Wade.

SALEM: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers, J. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan, J. D. Wade, A. E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman.

LOWER COUNTRY LINE: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers, G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, J. D. Wade, Elbert Kirkman, A. E. Smith.

LOWER MAYO: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, J. D. Wade, A. E. Smith, Elbert Kirkman.

BLACK CREEK: Elder J. S. Sechriest, J. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan, J. D. Wade.

SEVEN MILES: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers G. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan, A. E. Smith, J. D. Wade.

LITTLE RIVER: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers A. E. Smith, J. J. Duncan, J. D. Wade, G. E. Duncan.

MILL BRANCH: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brothers A. E. Smith, J. D. Wade, J. J. Duncan, G. E. Duncan.

5. Call for Finance Committee to report. They reported:

Received from Churches	$361.00
Contributions from Brothers, Sisters and Friends	58.00
TOTAL	$419.00
Allowed for Printing Minutes	$145.00
Allowed Moderator	10.00
Allowed Clerk	10.00
Expenditures	34.00
Disbursements to Visiting Elders and Licentiates	220.00
TOTAL	$419.00

By motion and second that the report be received and all committees be discharged at the close of the association. Motion carried.

6. By move and second that we follow the same proceedings as last year in having minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations. Motion carried.

7. By move and second was made that we authorize the clerk to have one thousand copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches and our sister associations. Motion carried.

8. By move and second that the next session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association will convene with Montgomery church on Friday before the second Sunday in September 10, 11 and 12, 1976 continuing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Lord willing. Motion carried.

9. By move and second the clerk have waybill printed in Minutes to next Association. Motion carried.

10. By move and second Elder J. S. Sechriest was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Motion carried.

11. By move and second that Elbert Kirkman was appointed as alternate. Motion carried.

12. By move and second that we omit the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

13. By move and second that we adjourn to meet at time and place appointed.

Dismissed association with prayer by Elder Troy Hill.

Elder J. S. Sechriest, Moderator
Brother G. E. Duncan, Clerk
Brother N. H. Quesenberry, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Brother Elbert Kirkman, Opened with song and prayer.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Introductory sermon, Galatians 4:4-6.
Brother J. D. Wade, Alternate, St. John 1:1-7.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Opened Association with song and prayer.
Elder Troy Hill, Dismissed Association with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder C. S. Brown opened with song and prayer. Philippians 1:11-12.
C. S. Brown, Philippians 1:11-12.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Zachariah 9:14
Elder Eugene H. Gunter, I Corinthians 12:1-2.
Bro. Edd V. Easter, Love.
Song, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Closed by Elder Eugene H. Gunter.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Calvin T. Harward opened association with song and prayer.
Elder Troy Hill dismissed association with prayer.
Elder Calvin T. Harward, Isaiah 45:22.
Elder George Flippin, I Corinthians 2:4.
Elder R. L. Fish, St. Mark 16:15-18.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder A. A. Doss, I John 3:1.
Elder Eugene H. Gunter, St. John 3:1-3.
Elder Troy Hill, Zephaniah 3:12.
Bro. Edd V. Easter, St. Matthew, 11:5.
Elder J. T. Jones, dismissed with song and prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder C. S. Farmer, opened with song and prayer.
Elder N. G. Hutchins, Hebrews 13:1.
Elder L. G. Stewart, Jude 24th verse.
Elder C. S. Farmer, Psalms 100:3.

SUNDAY EVENING:

Elder Jack Pulliam, St. Matthew 9:26.
Brother Richard B. Barham, Experience.
Elder H. H. Dagenhart, St. Matthew 16:18.
Elder Hugh D. Wray, Experience.
Elder O. J. Wray, Jr., Genesis 1:1.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Romans 8:38-39.
Elder Hugh D. Wray, Closed with song and prayer.

VISITING MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder C. S. Brown, 3754 Ogburn Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
Elder Troy Hill, Route 4, Box 188, Galax, Va. 24333
Elder Sam L. Gilbert, P. O. Box 4391, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
Elder E. H. Gunter, 1517 E. Forbes Rd., Gastonia, N. C. 28052
Elder C. T. Harward, Rt. 7, Box 866, Sanford, N. C. 27330
Elder R. L. Fish, Rt. 2, Fuquay-Varina, N. C. 27526
Elder A. A. Doss, Rt. 1, Evington, Va. 24550
Elder George Flippin, 1314 Stewart Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030
Elder J. T. Jones, Box 7708, Marshville, N. C. 28103
Elder N. G. Hutchins, Rt. 3, Stoneville, N. C. 27048
Elder C. S. Farmer, 1541 Hwy 66 South, Kernersville, N. C. 27284
Elder Jack Pulliam, 607 Water Street, Box 3342, Eden, N. C. 27288
Elder L. G. Stewart, Rt. 9, Box 164, Reidsville, N. C. 27320
Elder Hugh D. Wray, 1718 Dublin Dr., Greensboro, N. C. 27408
Elder O. J. Wray, Jr., 905 Magnolia St., Greensboro, N. C. 27408
Elder H. F. Dagenhart, 322 Ruffin St., Burlington, N. C. 27215

Licentiates:

Bro. Edd V. Easter, Rt. 2, Galax, Va. 24333
Bro. Richard B. Barham, Rt. 4, Box 345, Burlington, N. C. 27215

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Brethren, Sisters and friends of the New River Primitive Baptist Association, Thank God for Love manifested to us during the sitting of our Association.

We also wish to give thanks to all that gave a helping hand in preparing the necessary things to take care of this Association. Hoping Love have humbled us to give God all the praise manifested in this Association.

WAYBILL TO OUR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next session of the New River Primitive Baptist Association will convene, the Lord willing, with Montgomery Church, Friday before the second Sunday in September 1976, 10, 11 and 12. The church is located four miles northwest of Christiansburg, Va. on Rt. 460, three miles southeast of Blacksburg, Va. on 460.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND COMMUNION TIME

Montgomery: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 3rd Sunday in July.
Wilson's Grove: Elder Troy Hill, 1st Sunday in August.
Indian Creek: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 4th Sunday in August.
Flower Gap: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1st Sunday in September.
Little Vine: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 2nd Sunday in August.

ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1934 Welch Road, Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030, Ph. 786-7147

Licentiates:

Brother J. D. Wade, Star Route, Radford, Va. 24141.

Brother Elbert Kirkman, 611 Sunset Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Montgomery:
Kate Bugg, 740 Roanoke St., Christianburg, Va. ---- 60

Wilson's Grove:
Alfred F. Flinchum, Rt. 1, Hiwassee, Va. ---- 60

Indian Creek:
Norman H. Quesenberry, Willis, Va. ---- 150

Flower Gap:
Virginia Kirkman, 611 Sunset Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C. ---- 60

Little Vine:
O. L. Surratt, Rt. 1, 117, Riner, Va. ---- 60

Association:
G. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 346, Radford, Va. ---- 123

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Laurel Springs:
Bro. George Fulk, Rt. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 27071 ---- 35

Mates Creek:
Elder Elmer Smith, Ranson, Kentucky 41558 ---- 35

Abbotts Creek:
W. I. Atkinson, 605 Sherbrook Dr., High Point, N. C. 27261 ---- 35

Lower Mayo:
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Box 4391, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105 ---- 35

Salem:
Elder John T. Lee, 1956 East Webb Ave., Burlington, N. C. 27215 ---- 35

Mill Branch:
Elder M. B. Paul, Rt. 2, Cypress Creek, Myrtle Beach, S. C. 29577 ---- 35

Lower Country Line:
Bro. Reuben C. Bowes, 536 Leasburg Road, Roxboro, N. C. 27573 ---- 55

Black Creek:
Bro. Paul H. Carraway, Rt. 2, Fuquay-Varina, N. C. 27526 ---- 35

Seven Mile:
Bro. Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Spring Lake, N. C. 28390 ---- 35

Little River:
Bro. John R. Green, 2825 Barmettler St., Raleigh, N. C. 27607 ---- 65

White Oak:
M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N. C. 28540 ---- 35

Mewborn Church:

Elder J. M. Mewborn, Willow Springs, N. C. 27592 5
Macedonia Church:
Bro. C. W. Duckworth, P. O. Box 24, Alures, Florida 33820 10
Lawyer Springs Church:
Mrs. Wilson Jones, Rt. 1, Polkton, N. C. 28135 10
Yellow River Church:
Mrs. Jeffie Fitzpatrick, Rt. 4, Commerce, Georgia 30529 25
The Primitive Baptist Library:
Route 2, Elon College, 27244 2

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one true and living God, and that in the Godhead are three persons, the Father, the Word, or Son, and the Holy Ghost, which three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures were given by the inspiration of God, and we accept them as being the only complete and unerring rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God has always pursued His own infinitely wise plan in all His works and ways and that He will ever continue to do so, hence all things brought to pass by Him are but the result of His holy, wise, and determinate counsel from eternity.

4. We believe that Adam, though created in the image of his Maker, who pronounced him very good, did fohis own violation, wilfully transgress the law of God, as a consequence became a fallen and fatally depraved creature, and all mankind with him.

5. We believe that redemption, regeneration, sanctification, justification and salvation are by virtue of the birth, life, death and resurrection and meditation of Jesus Christ and in no other way; and that all the graces of the Spirit are referrable to the church of God.

6. We believe that all the saints were predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, elected to eternal salvation according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, that they will all be called with an holy calling; and the righteousness of Christ actually imputed to them by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit, so that none of the heirs of promise can be eternally lost.

7. We believe that all the elect of God were chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that immersion upon profession of faith in Christ in the name of the sacred Trinity, by one duly authorized by the Church to administer the ordinance of God in the Church is gospel baptism and that all persons so baptized who shall continue to walk circumspectly, and no other, shall have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

9. We believe that Church of Christ is a body corporate, possessing full power to govern herself, and having the exclusive right to receive and

discipline her own members, knowing no rule but the word of God. She is therefore independent.

10. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

11. We believe that the grace of God that brings salvation, teaches us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust we should live soberly, righteously and godly in the present world, and that it is therefore the duty of all church members to be jointly and severally engaged in every good work for the glory of God and the honor of the Christian religion.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen at each meeting of the Association by a majority of the members present.

3. Only one shall speak at a time who when about to make his speech shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, and the Moderator shall not interrupt the speaker nor prohibit him from speaking till he has given his light or ideas upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

5. The speaker shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but he shall fairly state the case and matter that is, as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on one subject without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same; no whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appelation except the title of "Brother."

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association may require it.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as other members provided the chair is filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12. Any members who shall willfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES and PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Elder	Licentiates	Communion	Sun. of Meeting	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Res. to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Mem.	Contribution
Montgomery Eld. J. S. Sechriest	Kate Bugg 740 Roanoke St. Christianburg, Va.	J. A. Bugg Henry Compton* Kate Buggs Zella Hite, Alt.	0	0	Jul	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	$ 48.00
Wilson's Grove Eld. Troy Hill	Alfred F. Flinchum Route 1 Hiwassee, Va. 24347	Gerald Cox Reupard Simpkins Colon Simpkins Early Harris, Alt.	0	0	Aug	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	40.00
Indian Creek Eld. J. S. Sechriest	N. H. Quesenberry Willis, Va. 24380	N. H. Quesenberry G. E. Duncan J. J. Duncan J. B. Mitchell, Alt.	0	1	Aug	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	100	110.00
Flower Gap Eld. J. S. Sechriest	Virginia Kirkman 611 Sunset Dr. Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030	Gorden Leonard Frances Towe Virginia Kirkman Elbert Kirkman, Alt.	0	1	Sep	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	83.00
Little Vine Eld. J. S. Sechriest	O. L. Surratt Rt. 1, Box 117 Riner, Va. 24149	Harvey Payne Walter Surratt Eld. J. S. Sechriest O. L. Surratt, Alt.	1	0	Aug	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	80.00